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TITLE:	METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A SHEET METAL PLATE, IN PARTICULAR OF STEEL, FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF MOTOR VEHICLE BODY COMPONENTS		

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please enter the following preliminary amendment before beginning examination of the above-identified patent application.

- **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2;
- **Remarks** begin on page 3.

In addition, Applicant requests that the Specification including the Abstract be amended prior to examination. Please amend the Specification and Abstract as shown in the enclosed marked-up Substitute Specification and clean Substitute Specification in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.121(b)(3) and 1.125.

Attachments:

- **Substitute Specification (CLEAN VERSION)**
- **Substitute Specification (MARKED-UP VERSION)**